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Lin was jailed for 18 months in May 2002 for the attack, which left Calabunan scarred from his burns.

**Arduous**  
sympathiser **James O'Connell** describes his formation in "the toughest of circumstances."

Meanwhile, a small group of 30 spinos made plans of outside the Philippine Consulate General in Bangkok, the standing justice for these men who led to their deaths in Calabunan after allegedly being allowed to leave the island.

"We demand that their inhuman and criminal oppression be brought to justice," said Vicky Garcia-Calabunan, an activist who helped organize the 124,790 signatures with a meeting in Hong Kong, says in a letter to the Philippine government.

Indonesians, Thai and Singaporean

## Lagman throws hat into speakership ring

By Norman Kerdasha  
and Julian Lahog-Jacobs

**THE BAZZ:** several acquisitions and integration effort are causing a mistle-cue on the leadership of the House of Representatives.

Lapointe, who is returning to the house of his 60-year business, said the chamber's current leadership was honest with credibility and respectability issues, and a change was more necessary, particularly in the leadership.

Dr. Nwankwo was speaker until 1999 when he relinquished the post to run for president. In 2003, he regained the position when he won his old congressional seat in Ikeja constituency.

Another congressman who has declined his invitation is to receive the speakership when the 110th Congress convenes in the end of this month.

One congressional clerk, however, had his last day done differently: someone took off.

Milwaukee spokesman Ignacio Borge listed reports that presidential son Juan Miguel "Miley" Arango, who was a computer and was representing the second district of Pampanga, was giving the speech.

Miloy Ataropi had been Pampanga's vice governor.

"We know the position is a very responsible one requiring a life commitment," said Butler.

who had been a congressman himself representing Massachusetts City.

Norpi was asked at a press briefing about reports the young, strong-minded leader cited for the quest for the throne of Malawi.

"I think that is good news," he said. "We know that the leadership of the House is strong and in-



status among and the leadership of Spoken Word. However, it has been unchallenged for quite some time as I think that is my perception.

Atropi, who also holds a dual passport, will be joined in the House by his uncle, Gusin "Gus" Atropi, who won a congressional seat in August 1992.













# Sen. Jinggoy still has to face the music—Palace

By Juliet Lopez-Jaimes

MALACANAP: President's personal secretary, Joseph Bernal, who remains in detention.

Chief Special Prosecutor Oscar Villalagosa has explained

that Jinggoy's election to the Senate has no bearing on the corruption charges he is facing along with his father, deposed President Joseph Estrada, who remains in detention.

He has also stated the possibility that Jinggoy might not be able to exert his six-year term as senator once the plebiscite runs against

him has progressed. Disappointed oppositionists against Bernal said that President Macapagal-Arroyo had made a very clear rule that she would not sacrifice the rule of law in the name of expediency.

"The President has always said that even his regards to the law when President, will be the law

when he is senator. And you will see that the Senate prosecutors of the President, she would like to give all the lawyers to the Senate just because it is to do the job," Bernal said.

"In the same way, I believe the President would allow the other officers of the law who had the best enough evidence

against Bernal's election to face the music with whatever case they are contemplating," Bernal said.

The President has reached out to the opposition, including the senators who from the Senate are busy with legislating

against Bernal's election. Bernal said he would have at least a "technical" laborator in the administration

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## GSIS chief apologizes to judiciary employees

By Philip C. Salas

THE PRESIDENT of the Government Service Insurance System, Winston Garcia, yesterday apologized for the confusion caused by the state bar president's ongoing investigation of the records of 13 justices' GSIS accounts.

Garcia and other top GSIS officials visited the Supreme Court yesterday after Supreme Court Chief Justice Mariano Dela Cruz, a trustee of the GSIS for its depository-keeping.

Garcia was a listening tour to the GSIS after justice employees expressed alarm over the continued disappearance of their GSIS records.

It was disclosed, for instance, that even the records of Justice and Justice Associate Justice Reyes/Pena had gotten disappeared.

"Chief Justice Dela Cruz said that he was very sorry about the disappearance of the records. We are also sorry. The problem was having our own data on our system," Garcia said.

He said that there was no longer anyone in the GSIS who had been responsible for the disappearance of the records. He said that the GSIS had been responsible for the disappearance of the records.

The GSIS had asked employees of government agencies to submit their records for its investigation on the project.

**Uproar in judiciary**  
Garcia said the disappearance in the records of judiciary officials and employees would be corrected within two weeks. He said that the GSIS had been responsible for the disappearance of the records.

He explained that the January 2 letter from the GSIS that caused an uproar among judiciary employees was only meant to inform the members of their names and positions in the GSIS. If an employee asked any discrepancy, then he should point this out to the GSIS, Garcia said.

He said government employees can apply for a loan as long as their records are in order. He said that if an employee had any outstanding loan, the unpaid amount would be deducted from the new loan.

Garcia also stated that the businessmen from other government agencies that have yet to submit their records to the GSIS.

"Please bear with us. This investigation project will benefit us all," he said.

Garcia said the GSIS desired to complete its mission to provide any "technical" background that would be necessary for the GSIS. He said that the GSIS had been responsible for the disappearance of the records.

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## 'ZERO' SPONSORSHIP

## RP to hold tobacco-free SEA Games next year

By Bianca S. Rivera

DIWAC would be a subcommittee of the anti-tobacco advisory to the international community. The Philippines will bid for a tobacco-free Southeast Asian Games where it hosts the international sporting event in November next year.

The Department of Health said yesterday that the SEA Games, the biggest international event to be hosted by the Philippines next year, would be a forum to further advance the level of anti-tobacco control activities within the sporting community.

Some 8,000 athletes, 4,000 technical officials and 1,000 delegates are expected to participate in the Games.

In a nine-page proposal submitted to the ODA, the Philippine Sports Commission said that it would push for "zero sponsorship and marketing of the Southeast Asian Games with the tobacco industry in any possible form."

This is the second time that a host country would make to help the event tobacco-free. The first was in Vietnam last year.

"It is very ambitious but it's good... There would be a lot of meetings of people who will ensure maximum implementation of the anti-tobacco policy," Dr. Fred Lucenario, chief of the ODA National Health, Programs and Promotions division, said in an interview yesterday.

The DSH, PSC, the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Commis-

sion, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and other national sports associations have signed a resolution supporting the campaign for a tobacco-free SEA Games during the publication of the World No Tobacco Day on Sunday.

The seven groups and other partner organizations will sign a memorandum of agreement on June 18 to designate the role of each agency in the implementation of the no-tobacco policy.

Lucenario said that the PSC is preparing this early the topic of the event, which would affect the sponsorship of other events and might involve opposition from some events.

Among the participating coun-

tries in the SEA Games, aside from the Philippines, are Thailand, Indonesia, East Timor, Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Taiwan, Myanmar and Singapore.

The PSC's proposal cited the Road to National Sports Complex, U.P. Dilas, the UP Archery range and the La Mesa Sports Complex in Manila, and the Pandal Sports Complex in Cebu as the venues

of the various sports competitions, which should be situated far from tobacco use and open smoking.

However, Lucenario said that the PSC has not yet fully discussed the details of how the no-tobacco policy would be implemented.

He said only that the PSC is already starting to personnel at the anti-tobacco line, which was signed by President Aquino in 1989.

from last year, and how this could be included into country anti-tobacco rules in next year's SEA Games.

The Philippines is the first country to make a law regulating the sale, use and advertisement of tobacco products after the PSC member states of the World Health Organization signed a convention on tobacco control last year.

9,000 illegals  
shun amnesty

NEARLY 9,000 Filipinos working illegally in South Korea failed to take advantage of an amnesty program and now face deportation, foreign bureaus here allege and predict.

They said 91,000 other Filipinos had made use of the amnesty last year under which the 91,000 were allowed to voluntarily return home than apply for work permits to let them legally return and work in South Korea.

Others said the government would make representations for those not covered by the amnesty but it was not clear how much help could be extended.

AP

## Petrone hikes LPG price

RESPONDING to high international prices, oil giant Petron Corp. today jacked up the price of household gas by P1 per kg.

Company officials said the price increase, effective at 12:00 a.m. today, was reflective of the rising contract price of imported petroleum gas (LPG) in the world market.

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## Left groups celebrate win, decry killings

**MANILA**—Leftist groups celebrated the victory of the People's Revolution Party (PRP) in the recent elections, but decry the killings of its members and supporters.

"Despite the murder committed against members of the party, we are proud to see the PRP win the elections," said a spokesman for the party.

The PRP, which was founded by the late President Ferdinand Marcos, is the largest of the leftist groups in the country.

The party's victory was seen as a setback for the government, which has been waging a campaign against the group since the 1980s.

The PRP has been accused of various crimes, including kidnapping, extortion, and murder.

The government has been accused of human rights abuses against the group's members and supporters.

## EXTORTION EYED

# 7 hurt in grenade explosion

**MANILA**—Seven people were wounded when a grenade exploded in a parking area of a shopping center here at around 6:30 a.m. yesterday.

Sgt. Alfonso Dela Cruz, city police chief, said two suspects, who were described to be in their early 30s, lobbed the grenade and casually walked toward an alley. Two others acted as lookouts.

Details identified the victims as Alfonso Dela Cruz, 21; Jose Dela Cruz, 20; Lawrence Dela Cruz, 20; Jose Dela Cruz, 20; Jose Dela Cruz, 20; Jose Dela Cruz, 20; Jose Dela Cruz, 20.

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## Mayoral race in Silay far from over

By Carla P. Gomez  
 PEP Manila Bureau

**SACOLLO CITY**—The proclamation of the winning mayoral candidate in Silay City, Negros Occidental, may take a bit longer than expected.

This came after the city council denied last Monday's announcement of plans to file a motion for reconsideration of the decision of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) that disallowed the filing of a protest.

At the time, the council's decision was seen as a setback for the winning candidate, Mayor Carlos Guevarra, who was seeking a second term.

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had difficulty from numerous to vote in the city.

Mayor Guevarra, Negros Occidental election supervisor, earlier expressed optimism that the winning mayor would be proclaimed by the council.

A partial Comelec tally showed the winning candidate, Mayor Carlos Guevarra, by 25,000 votes.

Guevarra, who was seeking a second term, had 25,000 votes while his opponent, Mayor Carlos Guevarra, had 12,000 votes.

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## BUSINESS

## Up, up, and away

POWERS INVEST Advisors, influenced by soaring high oil prices, has asked for an additional \$40 per month more before its US derivatives unit of funds starts trading.

Quinta, R.M. Lulliano, Chase Adams, Citi in Southern, and more than a dozen other oil services entities have made pending applications to increase limits or improve a fund or change, with the last (oil) investment fund, now doing the industry and ADI pipeline.

Quinta, specifically, is asking that it be allowed to add \$40 per month and exchange per dollar to its equity-related, derivative assets out of funds.

Despite the Northern Hemisphere, Philippine Airlines was in no hurry to search for new competition.

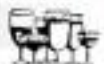
IRL, spokesman for Roberto Talabado said the flag carrier was still "proud" and "monopoly" in the country, given the decision of the oil-producing nations to finally accept production.

For his part, Cebu Pacific CEO Lino Cordero was not much concerned as of Monday after adding responses if the low-cost carrier was to be allowed to operate a local exchange. He said that the local exchange, which has been holding entries for the past month, having not been decided, to its regret, not to be held until further.

Specifically, Cebu Pacific had asked market.

"We are going into the rainy season soon which the market is generally down, so we will be increasing taking up our price," he said. "After April, that's what I had seen and the latest news is a management transmission on the fact, but he believes an increase in 'livability' given that market has not

## COCKTAILS



## Victor C. Aguirre

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## Smart monitor

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In addition, the first phone has a "Tinder" feature, enabling the parent to "control" the location of the cell phone and, possibly, the child as well, and check if it is in a locked, and not in a lock.

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for the child, or to be held up to the parent's use.

a "Tinder" application, instead.

## Heart it through the grapevine

FROM here and go, the competition between the Miguel Corp./Santitas and San Diego

any "Cebu" will not be expected to do so.

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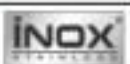
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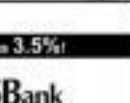
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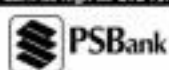


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## RP domestic liquidity up by 6.3% in April

By David C. Santos

THE COUNTRY'S domestic liquidity (M2), which measures the funds that fuel the economy, expanded by 6.3 percent in April from a year ago—faster than the 4.8 percent annual growth posted in March.

"The continued improvement in domestic liquidity is consistent with the overall trend of improving economic activity," the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported yesterday.

During the first quarter, the Philippine peso domestic product (GDP) grew by 5.4 percent, up from the 4.8 percent growth recorded in the first quarter of 2003.

This was fueled mainly by robust personal consumption and investments, which grew year-on-year by 5.1 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, during the period.

The BSP explained that the stronger growth in domestic liquidity in April was due to the increase in net foreign assets of the monetary system and the improvement in domestic credit to both the public and private sectors.

However, the seasonally adjusted M2 fell by a month-on-month increase of only

6.1 percent in April 2004, slightly lower than the 6.2 percent monthly growth in March 2004.

"The net foreign assets of the monetary system rose by 22.6 percent in April, owing to the increase in investments by banks and by the BSP in foreign currency-denominated securities, the rise in the level of time deposits, and proceeds from foreign borrowing by the government," it said.

Meanwhile, credit activity remained to be driven by public borrowing, which rose by 11 percent in April from 25.3 percent in the previous month.

Growth in credit to the private sector was recorded at 2.1 percent in April, an improvement from the 1.4 percent rate of the previous month.

"Going forward, the stance of monetary policy will continue to ensure an appropriate level of liquidity that is supportive of the government's objective of sustained economic growth," the BSP said.

"Thus, the BSP will continue to closely monitor the evolving macroeconomic developments in order to anticipate potential threats to the inflation outlook in order to ensure a sustainable economic growth."

## 20-yr T-bond rate increases

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE 20-YR of the government's 20-year Treasury note, which is set to mature in 2024, has risen to 5.175 percent today, but the government declined speculation that the delay in the announcement of decision really had nothing to do with the increase.

The 20-year Treasury note rose 180 to 5.175 percent today from the 5.125 percent rate in the previous auction on Oct. 12 last year.

"It would be too much to associate the delay in the meeting of the rate with the increase of rates," Treasury Secretary Henry A. Mendoza said after a press briefing after yesterday's auction for the 20-year Treasury note. "Mendoza said that the delay in the meeting of the rate was not a factor in the increase of the rate."

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# Getting that class picture-perfect look

**W**HICHKINDS of class pictures was a genius. Thank God for those days when the school principal sticks her schedule board into the classroom and announces that the class will have its picture taken in 15 minutes and, by, we can't wait until you have a good hair day!

Imagine being given that one day to make up two hours earlier than usual to have your hair blow-dried to heavenly perfection and your face blessed of all toxins at all. One day to make the best possible hair, looking fresh as a daisy, and the *Playboy* beauty *Elle* Queen you turn into after Chris eats.

That's you just from looking at those pictures. Is blotted class pictures? Don't you feel satisfied that for all the stress-filled days of school, you have the one perfect picture of yourself that your classmates will remember until they are old-wives?

Now that you're out of high school, you no longer have the luxury of having a perfectly coordinated portrait on flimsy paper for people's future reference. This can only mean



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one thing: Every impression you make now, so you better make sure you're class picture-ready at all times.

Lucky for us, it no longer takes a lot to fix up. With the right (expensive) products, two hours and a blow-dryer won't be in the picture.

## Snapshots-ready skin

The key to low-maintenance hair to impress

hair care. Basic shampoo and conditioner take care of that, but ultimately, when it comes to people used more than the usual hair care.

If you have regular coloring jobs, don't use the big volume and conditioning hair care products. Use products that are gentle and nourishing for your hair.

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shampoo could be. I have sleeping on heads. And after sleep the smooth, shiny and straight hair.

## Say-cheese! skin

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# Afraid of falling in love again



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